REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 6-11, 14-21, 24-30, 33-36, 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,615,384 (Allard et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,899,138 (Araki et al.). Claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 31, and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Araki et al. in view of Allard et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,914,624 (Dunthorn).

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 6-11, 14-21, 24-30, 33-36 and 38-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Allard et al. in view of Araki et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Allard et al. discloses a personal communicator having improved zoom and pan functions for editing information on a touch-sensitive screen. The handheld personal communicator includes a small touch screen display actuated in response to being touched by a user's finger. Areas of a touch screen graphic image to be panned or magnified may be selected without requiring the use of a pointer device such as a track ball, pen or mouse. Graphic images are stored for display on a finger-operated touch screen display, and a displayed image can be zoomed by touching the display whereby a frame appears delineating the area to be magnified, the frame being dragged by sliding the finger across the display until the frame indicates the area the user wants magnified. When a zoom function is selected, the user touches the screen and a magnification frame or window appears. When the

user removes his/her finger, the area within the frame is magnified. When the pan function is selected, the user can then press the screen anywhere at an initial touch point, and move his/her finger keeping it in contact with the screen, to shift the touch point to a new touch point. Upon releasing the new touch point, the image is redrawn in a new position corresponding to the change in position between the initial and new touch points.

Araki et al. discloses that in a touch panel control device for providing control signals to select an operation mode for an electronic device according to how the finger touches a touch panel, a timer starts its operation from the time instant when the finger touches the touch panel, and the direction and distance of movement of the finger in a predetermined period of time are detected, to control the operation of the electronic device or the like.

Regarding claims 1, 9, 19 and 28, Applicants submit that neither Allard et al. nor Araki et al., taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, inter alia, receiving configuration information at a wireless device from a server. The Examiner asserts that the e-mail, and Fig. 4 in Allard et al. discloses these limitations in the claims of the present application. However, the only portion of Allard et al. that discloses "e-mail" is col. 6, lines 8-17, discloses that a tool screen displays a plurality of selectable buttons that allow a user to select an application from a menu of different applications, such as e-mail. Fig. 4 of Allard et al. merely illustrates a sequence of screens beginning with the first screen that appears when the PC is

turned on, and showing how to get into zoom and pan functions. This is not receiving configuration information at a wireless device from a server, as recited in the claims of the present application. None of these portions of Allard et al. disclose, suggest or relate at all to receiving configuration information. Further, none of these portions of Allard et al. disclose or suggest anything related to receiving configuration information from a server, as recited in the claims of the present application.

Although selection of an e-mail button may indicate activation of an e-mail application, this does not disclose or suggest that a function for receiving configuration information at a wireless device from a server will be activated.

Regarding claims 6-8, 10, 11, 14-18, 20, 21, 24-27, 29, 30, 33-36 and 38-42, Applicants submit that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1, 9, 19 and 28 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that neither Allard et al. nor Araki et al., taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1, 6-11, 14-21, 24-30, 33-36, 38-42 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 31 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Araki et al. in view of Allard et al. and further in view of Dunthorn. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Dunthorn discloses creating a virtual push button that includes a touch sensitive orthogonal data field input device usably connected with a computing system in which a touch action of the device generates a stream of data related to the location within the field of the touch action.

Applicants submit that claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 31 and 32 are dependent on one of independent claims 1, 9, 19 and 28 noted previously and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims. Applicants submit that Dunthorn does not overcome the substantial defects noted previously regarding Allard et al. and Araki et al. Accordingly, Applicants submit that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 4, 5, 12, 13, 22, 23, 31 and 32 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-36 and 38-42 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 0171.38955X00).

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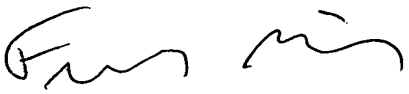

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